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Entry from Margins KIDO's DIARY

27 June, 1940 (Thurs.), Rainy.

Finance Minister SAWARACHI called and opinions were exchanged on the strengthening of the political structure and other problems.

Went to the office at 10:00 where Mr. OKANE, Chief of the General Affairs Section, came to me for consultation upon the matter of the Emperor's visit to HAYAMA.

Talked to Chief Secretary, MATSUDAIRA, regarding the procedure at the time of the cabinet change. Foreign Minister, ARITA, came to the palace and we had a talk as follows:

Ambassador Grew recently requested a meeting, saying that he has a proposal for a treaty, which it is desired to conclude, between Japan and America, which will maintain the status quo in the Pacific and prevent forceful changes. However, since it is an extremely delicate matter and since it would be inadvisable at this time to have Japan's activities, including those in the Netherlands, restricted and since it will probably end in something like a revival of the Nine Power Treaty, prompt acceptance will be difficult. If it were limited to the question of Japanese and American Pacific Islands it might possibly be considered.

At 2:40, went to the Akasaka Detached Palace and attended the interviewing ceremony of the Emperor of Manchukuo. Was received in audience at 3:30.

1. The relation between Mr. OGAWA and the Emperor of Manchukuo - the Chief Bodyguard's talk to the Chief Aide-de-Camp.
2. The Emperor told me that KONOYE and General MASAKI had lately come into closer contact. I reported to the Throne about the matter of the Shrine in accordance with Premier YOKAI's request, and, also, at the request of Finance Minister SAKURAUCHI, that there is no need of establishing emergency regulations, since account books and other important documents were safe at the time of the recent fire.

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一九四〇年(昭和十五年)六月二十七日

(木曜) 雨

(抜萃)

午前八時樺内藏相来訪政治態勢、強化其他、
問題ニツキ意見ヲ交換ス
十時出勤大金總務課長ヨリ葉山行幸、件ニツキ相談アリ
松平官長ト内閣交渉、際、手續ニツキ相談ス
有用外相參内面談ス
グルー大使最近面會、申込来ルニ、アポロガルヲ持参セリトテ
太平洋ニ於ケル現状維持策カニヨル亦変更、阻止ニツキ日米間ニ條
約ヲ結ビタトコトナリ而シテ、甚ダデキトニテ此際蘭印ヲ
令々日本、行動ヲ縛ルコト、不得策ニテ九國條約、復活、
如キ結果トナルヲ以テ、直ニ應ニ雖、日米、太平洋ニ於ケル島
嶼、問題ニ限局セバ考慮得ルヤモ知スト思フト、語アリ
二時四十分赤坂離宮ニ參入滿洲國皇帝、引見式ニ出席ス
三時半拜謁
一、小川ト滿洲國皇帝ト、關係一侍衛長、侍從長へ、
談話
一、近衛ト真崎大將最近接近セリト、語等御話アリ米内省
相ヨリ、依頼、神廟、件、樺内藏相ヨリ、依頼、最近、大災
ノ際、主計簿其他重要書類無事ナリトタメ非常中立法
ノ必要ナリト日等ヲ言ハス

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"Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 1 July 1940"

1 July 1940 Monday (fine)

SURITATE visited me at 9 a.m. Went to the office at ten. The Aide de Camp came to see me. He told me the Army's advocacy and views regarding Foreign Minister ARITA's broadcast which was featured in this morning's papers.

Audience from 10:35 to 11:10.

Replied to the Emperor's questions as to the actual facts about the Foreign Minister's broadcast and other things.

At 11:20 talked again with the Aide de Camp on the same matter. Before attending the luncheon held by the Manchukuo Emperor I had a talk with the Foreign Minister ARITA and heard from his own lips the truth about the broadcast. After luncheon we met again and the Foreign Minister discussed the following matters:

1. The circumstances of the ARITA broadcast.
2. The tense situation in Hongkong and so forth-- in regard to this the real facts are not yet clear.
3. Concerning the matter of the status quo in the Pacific proposed by Ambassador Grew, his idea is that the time is not appropriate for a settlement regarding territories which would include those of the belligerent nations. However if it were limited to matters between Japan and America it could be considered.
4. A proposal has been received from Germany requesting us, among other things, to withdraw our representatives from Holland, Belgium, Norway and Luxembourg since these nations have, in fact, lost their power, and to carry out future negotiations (with those countries) through our ambassador in Germany.
- In accordance with the above our envoys will in fact be withdrawn from those countries in Europe but Netherlands Indies economic problems will probably be discussed under a policy of negotiating with governments which are actually in power.
5. An economic mission will probably be sent soon to French Indo-China and the NEI.

At 2:30 p.m., Mr. HATTA, Chief Court Physician, came to my office and told me about ~~Ex-Minister~~ Minister YUASA's condition. *Lord Huxley*

Audience from 3:30 to 4:05. Reported to the Throne concerning Foreign Minister's talk and other matters.

At 4:20 had a talk with the Chief Aid-de-Camp about the broadcast.

At 5 Mr. KORENATSU visited me and we talked.

At 7:30 MATSUI and at 8:30 Mr. ANDO visited and talked with me.

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木戸ハム日記ヨリ抄本

一九四〇年/昭和十五年

七月(月)晴

午後九時 増建来訪

十時出勤、武官長来室、今朝新聞ヲ賑シタル有田外相放送同
題ノ陸軍側ノ主張觀察ヲ聴ク

十時三十分ヨリ十一時十分迄拜謁有田放送ノ真相ソノ他ニツキ
御下向ニ奉答合入、十一時三十分武官長ト同上ノ件ニツキ更ニ會
談ス

正午滿洲国皇帝御招待ノ午餐會ニ出席、有田外相ト會
談、外相ノ口ヨリ放送問題ノ真相ヲ聴ク

午餐會御陪食ノ後、再び外相ト懇談ス、在リ諸件ナリ

一有田外相放送ノ経緯

一香港緊急状態云々

一「ルー」大使ノ提案セル太平洋現狀維持ノ問題ハ交戦国ノ領土
ヲモ合メテ此ノ際取決ムルハ其時期ニアラズ、日米間ノ問題ニ限定
スルヲバ考(得ルコトナリト思ハス)

一獨乙ヨリ蘭台、諸政府ノ事實上其能力ヲ失
ヘル故、此等諸国ニ駐劄使臣ヲ引揚ゲラレタク、今右交渉ハ在
獨大使ヲ以テセウレタシ云々ノ申出アリ、(各國ニ對シ右ニツイテ公事
實歐洲ニ於テ該国ノ使臣ハ引揚ケルモ蘭印經濟上ノ問題ハ實際際
ニカノ及ベル政府ト交渉スルヲ針ヲ以テ協議スル也ナリ)

一近ク經濟使節ヲ佛印蘭印ニ派遣スル也ナリ

二時半八田侍医頭来室湯淺前大臣健康ノ状態ヲ聴ク

三時半ヨリ四時五十分迄拜謁外相ノ話其要ヲ言上ス

四時三十分武官長ト面談放送ノ件ナリ、五時松君来訪面談
七時半松井来訪、八時半安藤君来訪各面談ス

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